

REMARKS**Status of the Application**

Claim 19 stands objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1-37 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No 5,525,789.

Claims 1-37 are currently pending.

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted concurrently herewith.

The Objection to Claim 19

Claim 19 stands objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended claim 19 in accordance with the comments of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 19 be withdrawn.

The Disposition of the Claims

Claims 1-37 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No 5,525,789. While Applicants do not concede to the comments of the Office Action, Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to facilitate allowance of the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-37 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is moot. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-37 are in clear condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding

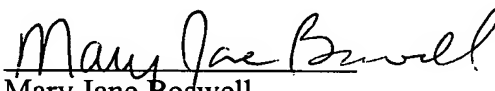
after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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